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A Sketch of the Life and Services of Gen. Winfield Scott.

To supply the popular demand for this able article, we to-day republish it in the regular edition of our daily paper. Persons desiring to send it abroad can be supplied at our counter.

Congress To-day.

SENATE.—Mr. JONES, of Tennessee, presented memorials from the city of Memphis, Tennessee, praying that additional aid be given to the Collins line of steamers.

Mr. SUMNER presented the remonstrance of 210 members of the legislature of Massachusetts against the renewal of Woodworth's patent.

Mr. BRODHEAD presented petitions from Philadelphia granting additional aid to the Collins line.

Mr. GREY introduced a bill for the improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi river.

The subject of non-intervention was postponed till Wednesday next.

The bill for the improvement of the dam at Cumberland island, in the Ohio river, was debated, and then referred.

The deficiency bill was resumed, and several amendments were acted upon.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—The House resumed the consideration of the bill from the Senate, to enforce discipline and good conduct in the naval service; when Mr. MILLSON replied to Mr. BOOCOCK, his colleague.

Under the operation of the previous question, an amendment, in the form of a substitute, offered by Mr. STANTON, of Tennessee, was voted upon, and disagreed to.

The substitute of Mr. MILLSON, authorizing summary courts-martial, and designating punishments, &c., was before the House when we last heard from the Capitol.

The Whig Caucus.

We submit the official account of the proceedings of this body. We have read the telegraphic accounts to the Baltimore papers, which are no doubt as nearly correct as it was possible for the correspondents to make them; and yet they are somewhat defective.

Upon a point of order several members withdrew from the caucus. These gentlemen are understood to be Messrs. Marshall, of Kentucky; Williams, of Tennessee; Gentry, of Tennessee; Cabell, of Florida; Outlaw, of North Carolina; Brooke, of Mississippi; Moore, of Louisiana; Strother, of Virginia; and Morton, of Florida. We believe there were no others; and we are perfectly well satisfied that several of these will be found finally prepared to sustain their party in the hour of action.

As we have heretofore observed on the subject of slavery and its correlatives, it is impossible for the Whigs of the North and South to agree, as is also the case with respect to the Democrats of the two sections. A declaration on this subject will ever endanger the integrity of a national party. Agreement upon those things that pertain to the Whig organization is all that should be required of members of the party. The "Maine liquor law," or a religious test, has as much to do with the present issue of parties as the principles of the compromise measures. They are settled, and no one friendly to them should seek to excite them anew.

The fact of the withdrawal of several members of the caucus appears to mislead some knowing politicians. They should not depend upon the conclusions they appear to derive from it. Gentlemen are sometimes constrained by previous declarations to do what their present convictions do not heartily approve; and many of us have read of the fox who, having cut off his tail, endeavored to convince his friends that foxes looked better without their tails.

The caucus last night was not a Fillmore caucus, nor a Webster caucus, nor a Scott caucus, nor a Union caucus, nor an anti-slavery caucus, nor a Whig caucus, and nothing else.

The position taken by Mr. Stanley was manly and true, and nobly did he defend it. Senator Smith towered high in unyielding devotion to the true interests of his whole party and his whole country!

We rejoice that the able and accomplished North Carolina Senator was selected to preside over this body. The true native dignity of his bearing, and his perfect knowledge of all parliamentary affairs, united with the entire confidence and respect of the whole country—all pointed to him as the man to guide aright the excited elements of his party at this eventful crisis.

Of the proceedings of the caucus we would say, that while there was evinced enough of spirit, animation, and zeal, to give assurance of the honesty of purpose and integrity of its constituent members, there was, at the same time, manifested a unity of purpose that augurs everything for the success of the cause.

At a meeting of the Whig members of Congress, held in the Senate Chamber, on Friday, April 9, the Hon. Willie P. Mangum, Senator from North Carolina, was called to the chair, and Jos. R. Chandler, of Pennsylvania, and Alfred Dockery, of North Carolina, were appointed secretaries. After some preliminary discussion, it was resolved that when the meeting adjourn, it adjourn to meet in this place on Tuesday evening, the 20th instant.

On Tuesday, April 20, the Whig members of Congress assembled, according to adjournment, and the adjourned resolution, recommending the time and place of holding the meeting of the Whig National Convention, was adopted, and the following order made:

Resolved, That it be recommended that the Whig National Convention for the nomination of candidates for President and Vice President of the United States be held in the city of Baltimore, on Wednesday, the 16th day of June next.

Ordered, That the chairman of the meeting cause the resolution this evening adopted, recommending the time and place of holding the Whig National Convention, to be inserted in the Whig newspapers of this District, signed by himself, and countersigned by the secretaries.

WILLIE P. MANGUM, Chairman.

JOS. R. CHANDLER, Secretary.

A. DOCKERY, Secretary.

This is the 21st of April. There have been fourteen rainy days.

Mount Vernon. During the visit of M. Kossov to this revered place, a few days ago, we are told that "he expressed himself grieved that Mount Vernon was not the property of the nation. Senator Seward said a public opinion was being formed which must demand a movement that would secure it as such; and Mr. Washington remarked that if the nation ever expressed a desire, through its Representatives, to possess the spot, the family would surrender it. Kossov said he feared there was not deep piety for the dead in America—not as deep, at least, as in some other countries. He thought the memory of the illustrious dead should be cherished by nations, and the legacy of their great deeds and good example should be commemorated in proper respect and attention to the places where their remains repose."

We assent to all that is here said; but we are not so hopeful as Mr. Seward expresses himself respecting the growth of the popular sentiment on the subject. The remark of Mr. Washington was worthy of him. So long as Mount Vernon continues in the possession of its present owners, so long may the nation rest confident in its ability to obtain it at any moment; but if it once passes into the hands of other parties, difficulties unseen and unperceived may arise; and there is even now danger of this very thing. We have before us a letter from a friend in New York, whose information we have always found very accurate, from which we quote the following extract:

"During the stay of the Baltic in your river an incident occurred in which I am sure you will feel greatly interested. In a select company the present sad and neglected condition of Mount Vernon was spoken of, and a proposition was made to purchase it, which was very promptly assented to by all present. A probable price was fixed upon, and it was determined that a company of eight or a dozen should unite in the purchase. W. W. Concoran was to become one of the number, and so were Messrs. Thayer, Wetmore, Appleton, and others. Abbott Lawrence was pledged by a friend present. The plan is for this company to purchase the place, and to hold it permanently, permitting the general government to improve, adorn, and beautify it, and preserve it as a place of public resort, under proper restrictions."

The Freshet.

The water still continues very high at Georgetown, though it is falling rapidly. At 10 o'clock to-day it had fallen about two feet below the high-water mark of 1847. It is conceded by every one that it has been the most severe freshet since 1800. The destruction of the great causeway, connecting Annapolis island with the Virginia shore, is an evidence of this fact. It has withstood the force of every freshet since it was built, save this one, which has almost entirely destroyed it. There is now a fine channel through that portion of the river. The breach is about two hundred yards in width, and the water is flowing through with immense velocity.

There was another portion of the Long Bridge carried away yesterday evening, making, in all, four distinct breaches.

Immense damage has been done all along the line of the canal, but full accounts will not be received for several days. There are two heavy breaches near Edes's mills, about three and half miles from Georgetown.

The brig *Fidelia* was carried away from Esby's wharf, yesterday evening, with one man (the mate) aboard, who, with the assistance of several gentlemen who ventured out to his relief, succeeded in securing her. She now lies in front of the Observatory, on the flats.

Miss Eliza Logan.

This justly celebrated young lady will begin an engagement next Monday evening at the National Theatre, in this city, and will be assisted by her accomplished sister and father. Since her last appearance in Washington, she has played two most successful engagements in Philadelphia and Baltimore. It will not be forgotten that when she closed here a few weeks ago great regret was generally expressed that she could not prolong her stay; and now her numerous admirers have a fair opportunity of enjoying her acting.

Her finished elocution, chaste and refreshing style, and extraordinary energy, have excited universal delight and surprise wherever she has been seen and heard; and her career is destined to be one of great distinction and success.

There was a very ugly sort of a riot in Georgetown yesterday afternoon. Theaters criminally engaged in it were all from this city, and every one of them was rigged out in the costume of a gentleman. We have a pretty good sketch of all the incidents of the affair, but not all the names. The belligerents and sympathetic spectators were not fewer than one hundred in number. Claret flowed abundantly, and the surgeons had their hands full. Everybody, indeed, was deeply concerned about the disgraceful affair; and the police were so deeply mortified that, so far as we can learn, not one of them even made his appearance. It may be, however, that they treat our city folks with too great deference to take notice of their amiable sports when abroad to see the freshet. Take 'em all up, is our advice.

Messrs. Claggett, Newton, May & Co. have made an important addition and improvement in their business, by opening, in the second story of their establishment, an excellent and well-furnished jobbing establishment for the convenience of retailers in this city and elsewhere who desire to purchase goods of any description by the piece or in larger quantities. We are assured by these gentlemen that as good terms can be made at their house as in any other city; and we cannot but believe that in all the counties of Maryland and Virginia merchants and families purchasing in quantities would do well to deal with this firm.

We learn that a new Democratic daily paper is to be commenced at Pittsburgh, in a few days, by an association of printers, under the firm of Eliot, Layton & Co. It is to be called the *DAILY UNION*, and Lynde Eliot, esq., will be its principal editor. May prudence, industry, patience, and fortitude guide them onward to success.

A committee in the Massachusetts House of Delegates flatters at the suggestion of legalizing the ten hours' system. If we understand the tables, one hundred cents make a dollar, seven days make a week, and ten hours make a day of working hours. The law that confirms the first and second of these facts, should establish the third also; and by-and-bye we shall have "discount off."

Charles Keen is not dead.

The Approaching Execution.

The Republic of this morning says:

"We learn that the President has declined to commute the sentence of death passed upon Wells for the murder of the boy Munnell. The decision of the President was communicated last evening to Wells, who received it with great firmness, and declared that he had cherished no expectations of any other result, and was resigned to his fate. The last sentence of the law will be carried into execution within the walls of the prison on Friday morning next, between 9 and 12 o'clock."

We have read the above announcement with deep regret. The President will, however, be this day and probably to-morrow importuned by many intelligent, just, and humane citizens of Washington to spare the life of Wells. We are sure that no resolution has been formed by that high officer that can interfere with any legitimate influence upon his mind; and until the last moment we shall not despair of his merciful intervention.

P.S.—1½ p.m.—Mr. P. G. Pratt, of Georgetown; Rev. William Hamilton, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. J. C. Smith, of the Fourth Presbyterian Church; and Rev. Leo Rosser, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South—four gentlemen who were never before brought together upon any occasion—this morning called upon the President in company. Mr. Webster happened to be present. They made an earnest appeal, and submitted a petition and statement in support of their appeal. The President listened to them with great interest, and appointed eleven o'clock to-morrow for another hearing. What is right will be done. The laws of our country, the dictates of humanity, and the laws of God, must be the same. Justice and Mercy, we are sure, will prevail; and we trust that in view of these things, may lead to a conviction that the sacrifice of the life of the prisoner Wells is not necessary, and is therefore, wrong.

Pennsylvania.

The New York Star, which labors hard and well for the Democratic party, commends Mr. Buchanan to the party for its nomination, and says: "We think we speak advisedly when we assert that no other Democratic candidate would be able to carry Pennsylvania against General Scott."

Perhaps not. Can Mr. Buchanan?

FOUGITIVE SLAVES.—The report of the Toronto (Canada) Anti-Slavery Society, just published, puts the number of fugitive slaves who have entered Canada, during the last two years, at between five and six thousand. The whole number of colored persons in Canada is estimated at thirty thousand.—*Exch.*

How are these negroes circumstanced in Canada? Are they comfortable and prosperous? Do they stand the climate well? Do they make good subjects? Are they not socially proscribed? Are the people willing to receive many more of them? We ask no idle questions. We are friendly to the negro, and desire his happiness and permanent welfare. It is our belief that these can best be promoted in Africa, and that he can there do most good; but we are not opposed to any scheme that will promote his welfare. Among the professed friends of the colored race, however, there are two sets of motives—one really favorable to him, the other merely hostile to the slave owner. We realize the former only, and will go as far as the farthest in the prosecution of its dictates.

There seems to be a terrible shaking in the ranks of Whiggery, as they look to the future in this State.—*Balt. Argus.*

There is no doubt such a seeming when you look at "the ranks of Whiggery;" but don't be frightened, good Argus; prepare for the worst. Blink all your eyes, and take it kindly.

The Committee on the District of Columbia yesterday visited Georgetown and took a careful survey of the scene of disaster on Water street and in the Potomac. They were accompanied by Mayor Addison.

The *Bleak House*, No. 2, has to-day been presented to us by Messrs. TAYLOR & MAURY—Harper & Brother's reprint. Also, *Blackwood* for April—L. Scott & Co.'s reprint.

The Long Bridge will probably soon be replaced by a better—one that will cost less to keep it in repair, and that will do less injury to our Georgetown friends.

A hospital has been established at Panama for the destitute sick.

R. R. Nos. 1 and 2.

Persons suffering with either of the following complaints, by taking the remedy recommended, will experience relief in a few minutes:

Rheumatism, Sick Headache, Radway's Ready Relief, Sciatica, Rheumatism, Sprains, Radway's Ready Relief, Croup, Whooping Cough, Radway's Ready Relief, Cholera, Typhoid Fever, Radway's Ready Relief, Diphtheria, Radway's Ready Relief, Erysipelas, Radway's Ready Relief, Stomachic, Radway's Ready Relief, Fever Sores, Radway's Ready Relief.

SPINAL COMPLAINTS.

Radway's Ready Relief, used in connection with Radway's Renovating Resolvent, will perform the most remarkable cures. The public will please bear in mind that all complaints enumerated above Radway's Ready Relief or Renovating Resolvent will quickly cure.

Price of R. R. Relief, 25 and 50 cents; R. R. Resolvent, \$1. Sold by W. H. Gilman and Chas. Scott & Co., 151-153.

Dr. Junkin will lecture in the English Lutheran Church, corner of H and 11th streets, this (Wednesday) evening; and, as the members of the F street congregation are now out of their place of worship, they are invited to unite with their Lutheran brethren in this evening's service.

JOHN W. MAURY, esq., is announced as a candidate for Mayor at the approaching election. [Appl. 21-31]

SILAS H. HILL, esq., is announced as a candidate for Mayor at the approaching election. [Appl. 21-31]

Gen. R. C. WEIGHMAN is announced as a candidate for Mayor at the coming election in June next by J. J. BARNES. MANY VOTERS.

By J. C. McGUIRE, Auctioneer. VALUABLE PROPERTY on Pennsylvania avenue at Auction—On Saturday, April 24th, at 4½ o'clock p.m., on the premises, I shall sell part of Lot 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, in square No. 146, between L and M streets north, and 10th and 11th streets west. Also, immediately after the above, (say 6 o'clock), in square No. 117, fronting on 19th street, next to the corner of L street. This property is situated in one of the most improving parts of the city, and rapidly increasing in value. They are government titles, and indisputable. Terms at sale. JAS. C. McGUIRE, Auctioneer.

Refrigerators, Water-Coolers, Patent Ice Cream Freezers, &c.—The special attention of housekeepers is called to the "Universal Refrigerator" which I have just received, and which are decidedly the cheapest, best arranged, and most convenient article ever introduced into Washington.

Also on hand—Austin's Patent Ice Cream Freezers, warranted to produce a superior cream in from six to ten minutes. Water-Coolers, and all kinds of Baths. Solar Pumps and Grindstones. Plated Spoons and Forks. Table Cutlery. Japanese Tea Trays, Basket Arrangements. Wooden ware, and all kinds of Goods. British and Block Tin Goods, &c. For sale, at very low prices, by C. W. BOTTLER, 21-23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 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